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## Probate Court is in session.

A bill has been introduced in Congress to make Lincoln's birthday a national holiday.

The amount of gold coined during the month of January was over \$12,000,000.

During 1891 the county court of Madison county paid out \$1,315.35 to road overseers.

McKinley will probably secure the solid Missouri delegation now that Harrison has declined to be a candidate for President.

Missouri prohibitionists will make a state ticket at Sedalia May 7 and 8. It is thought that at least 400 delegates will attend.

The Republican Congressional Convention for the Fourteenth Congressional District will be held at Poplar Bluff on the 6th day of May.

Mayor Hartwig of St. Joseph has withdrawn from the race for the Republican nomination for Governor of Missouri in favor of Mayor Walbridge of St. Louis.

The citizens of this state will have an opportunity to vote on the Capitol removal question in November as the Supreme Court has denied the injunction asked by Jefferson City.

The State Convention to be held at Sedalia on April 15th to select delegates to the National Convention at Chicago will be composed of 535 delegates. Ste. Genevieve county is entitled to two.

Following is the list of patents granted to Missouri inventors this week, reported by O. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, Opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

E. A. Boehm, St. Louis, coupler for keyboards of pianos. W. O. Duntley, St. Louis, insulating joint. D. Heins, Carrollton, water purifying force pump. H. H. Hoobler, Pleasant Hope, corn planter. P. H. Mellon, St. Louis, metallic bed fastening. W. D. Pittman, St. Louis, box for cigarettes. G. W. Sanor, Rogersville, folding bed. H. A. Wheeler, St. Louis, down draft kiln. S. W. Williams, Clearmont, burglar-proof car.

Do you want to know, says the editor of *American Youth*, where the boy usually begins to be fast? With a cigarette. It is the lad's first step to bravado resistance of sober morality, and a bold step in disobedience. Just now take the matter on the scientific side. Tobacco blights a boy's finest powers, wit, muscle, conscience. Nations are legislating against it. Germany, with all her smoke, says: "No tobacco in schools." It spoils their brains and makes them too small soldiers. Knock at the great military institutions of France. "No tobacco" is the response. Try West Point and Annapolis—"Drop that cigarette," is the word. Indeed, smoking boys are not likely to get as far as that. Major Houston of the marine corps who is in charge of the Washington navy barracks, says that one fifth of the boys examined are rejected for heart disease, of which ninety-nine cases in one hundred come from cigarettes. His first question is: "Do you smoke?" "No sir!" is the inevitable reply. But the record is stamped on the very body, and out he goes. Apply for a position in a bank. If you use beer, tobacco or cards the bank has no use for him.

Business life demands fine brains, steady nerve, firm conscience. Watch the boys. See one sixteen years of age, smokes, probably chews and drinks. Little chaps of seven and eight are at it. Judgehip, *the vice increases*. I could pile by the hour, test highest medical preparing

# Washington Letter.

(From the Washington Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7, 1892.

Democratic Senators are proving the truth of the adage, that "There are more ways to kill a dog than by hanging," by forgetting, or at least laying aside their financial differences, and working together for the purpose of killing the House tariff bill; and, whether they succeed or not, they have already badly frightened the republicans. They have succeeded, aided by the vote of Senator Jones of Nevada, in getting a free coinage substitute for the House tariff bill reported from the Finance committee, and that is the weapon they intend to use to thump the life out of the tariff bill. Upon a direct vote of the Senate it would require the combined vote of all the democrats and populists to make a majority of one over the 41 republicans, who are apparently united in defense of the tariff bill, and it is doubtful if the votes of all the populists can be had against the tariff bill. But there are other ways of accomplishing legislative ends besides direct votes, and the democratic side of the Senate is especially strong in skilled parliamentarians.

To say that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were pleased to know that the proposed issue of bonds was over-subscribed to the extent of about \$90,000,000 is a very mild way of stating how those gentlemen felt when the bids had all been opened and tabulated. Of course they as well as everybody else realize that this bond issuing business is thoroughly bad, but so long as republican laws make it necessary to do so, it is naturally gratifying to all members of the administration to know that so many people are ready and willing to invest their money in them. It indicates a faith in national finances that cannot but have a good effect in business circles throughout the country.

The selection of Hon. Edwin F. Chittenden, now Assistant Secretary of State, to be Ambassador to Germany, appears to have given general satisfaction to democrats in Congress. Mr. Chittenden has made a splendid record in the State Department.

Publicly the republicans all pretend to believe that Mr. Harrison's letter entirely removes him from the contest for the republican Presidential nomination. This is especially true of the supporters of other candidates, who are rather over doing the thing in their anxiety to convince the Harrison people that their man is out for good and all. But privately nine republicans out of ten will admit that they consider the letter absolutely meaningless, and that it leaves Mr. Harrison just where he was before it was written. Weeks ago it was given out by Mr. Harrison's friends that his name would not be formally presented to the convention by the Indiana delegation, but might be sprung upon the convention if there was anything like a deadlock in the interest of party harmony. Mr. Harrison's letter confirms the first part of that statement, and says nothing else. In short, Mr. Harrison's letter is thought to mean merely that he declines to enter the general scramble, when the chances would be against his winning; but he is just as willing to be the candidate as ever.

The fight made on the appropriations for the Catholic charitable institutions in Washington, in the House this week, may not have been of itself of national importance, but it will be heard from, inasmuch as it brought out the fact that many republican members of the House were, while claiming to be fighting secularism, in reality merely acting as agents for the A. P. A. They got mixed up on the scientific side. Tobacco blights a boy's finest powers, wit, muscle, conscience. Nations are legislating against it. Germany, with all her smoke, says: "No tobacco in schools." It spoils their brains and makes them too small soldiers. Knock at the great military institutions of France. "No tobacco" is the response. Try West Point and Annapolis—"Drop that cigarette," is the word. Indeed, smoking boys are not likely to get as far as that. Major Houston of the marine corps who is in charge of the Washington navy barracks, says that one fifth of the boys examined are rejected for heart disease, of which ninety-nine cases in one hundred come from cigarettes. His first question is: "Do you smoke?" "No sir!" is the inevitable reply. But the record is stamped on the very body, and out he goes. Apply for a position in a bank. If you use beer, tobacco or cards the bank has no use for him.

Col. William R. Morrison brands as fabrications those stories sent out from Chicago, as to what he intended to do to control the financial opinions of the Illinois delegation to the National Convention. He said, "I have read the dispatches from Chicago, and I will say in reply that

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# I have no messages to the democracy of Illinois by anyone, whomsoever.

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Ex-Congressman Hendricks, of New York, who was in Washington this week, said when asked what he thought of the condition of the democratic party: "Oh, democracy is all right; that is to say its cardinal principles are correct and sure to endure. The root of the tree is alive and healthy, but some excrescences have developed in the top that need chopping off. I have no doubt that the party will get back in the old conservative channels in the course of time."

The House will, of course, sustain the report of the Ways and Means committee, that the House do not concur in the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill, which was last week passed by the Senate. Then there will be a conference, the members of which may be looked upon as mourners, as both measures will die on their hands.

A substitute for the first Cuban resolution has been reported from the Senate committee on Foreign Relations. It declares it to be the opinion of Congress that the belligerency of the Cubans should be recognized by the United States.

## Harrison Commends Cleveland

General Harrison writes of "The Presidential Office" in the *March Ladies' Home Journal*, and his comprehensive article is outspoken and plain. He takes occasion to commend President Cleveland's movement toward establishing a more permanent consular service. The ex-President says:

"The need of a better consular service has been getting a strong hold upon the public mind. The practice has been to make frequent changes in these offices—indeed an almost complete change upon the coming in of an administration of a different party. The duties of a consul relate almost wholly to our commerce with the country where he serves. The recent movement by Mr. Cleveland and in Congress for a better qualified and permanent consular force is to be commended."

"It is remarked that changes in the home administration in other countries, such as England and France, do not involve changes in the ministers or ambassadors or consuls, as they do with us. The English Ambassador at Washington holds forth on whether the Liberals or the Tories are in power. He represents his country, not a party, and carries out the instructions from the home Government loyally. He is never heard to make speeches attacking the policy of the opposing party—or criticising his own people. Perhaps one of the chief difficulties in our getting a permanent diplomatic and consular service grows out of the fact that the tariff question is one that is always acute in our politics, and the reports of our consuls naturally take on the views held by them upon this question. We cannot have a permanent diplomatic and consular service until we can find diplomats and consuls who will leave their party politics at home. If they are to be aired or exercised abroad then follows that they must be in harmony with the party in power at home."

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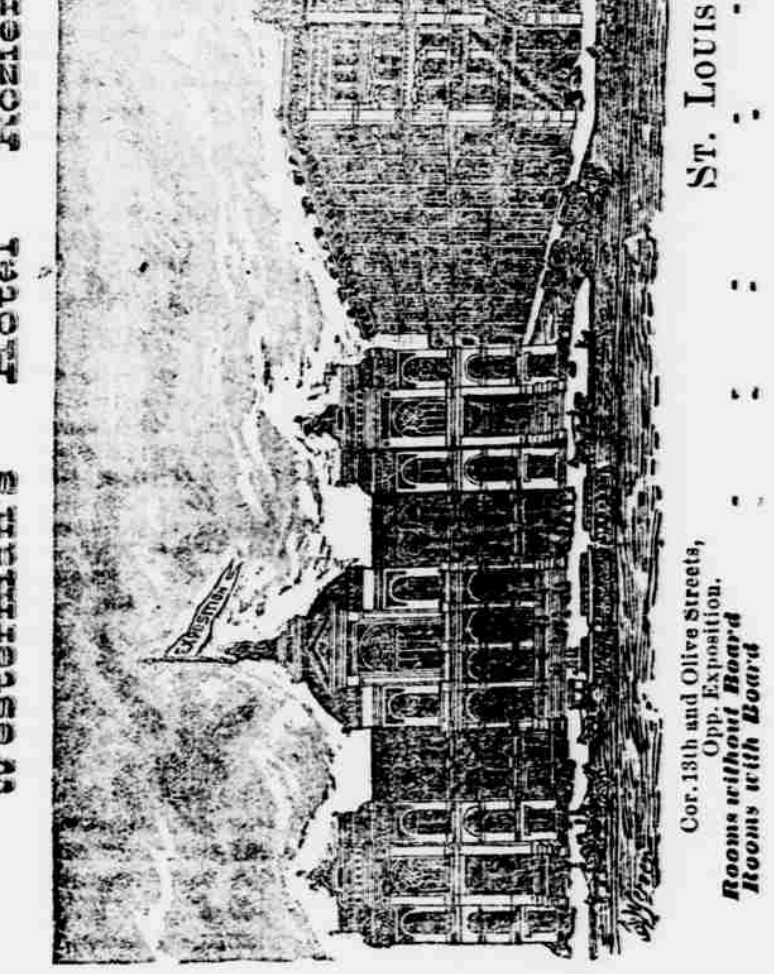
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